

## Ceremonies of the Waris di Ayer.

These are much the same as in the case of the "Waris di Darat," and may be briefly stated as follows:—

1.—Waris slaughtering buffaloes on 30th Ramathan near the Dâto' Klana's kampong must send certain portions to the Dâto' Bandar, and to the Dâto' Raja.

2.—On that day also people must assist to hang the langit-langit (canopy) cloths in the verandah of the Dâto' Bandar's house and arrange the "kabesaran" (insignia and State mats and pillows.)

3.—As soon as the Dâto' Klana has fired the first five signal guns on the 30th Ramathan, the Dâto' Bandar may fire five guns, then the Dâto' Raja three guns, and the other Lembagas entitled to, three guns.

4.—On 1st Shawal five guns are fired at 5 a.m. as a signal that the Dâto' Bandar is going to bathe. He is accompanied by the Panglima Besar and his officers bearing the Bandar's insignia the two spears, "benderong," two swords, two long krisses, two umbrellas, two "tunggal," two "pajar machin," two small flags. When the Dâto' has bathed five more guns are fired.

5.—At six o'clock, the insignia are displayed in the "halaman," or enclosure round the house. At 7 or 8 a.m., the Dâto' Bandar with his officers goes to the mosque; five guns are fired when he sets out and five on his return. On this day the Bandar entertains his officers.

6.—On the 2nd Shawal, the Waris and elders and whoever wishes to do so, go to the house of Dâto' Paduka Raja in procession. They are received with three guns, and the Dâto' entertains the people with food.

7.—On the 3rd Shawal, the Dâto' Paduka Raja goes in procession to the house of the Dâto' Raja and is saluted with three guns. The Dâto' Raja sits in State in the verandah of his house with his officers bearing the spears and swords on his right and left. The Dâto' Paduka Raja pays his respects first, squatting on his knees, raising his hands towards his chin three times to his front and three times turning backwards. He is followed by all the men present. The Dâto' Raja then goes inside the house and all the women present approach him in the same way, one after the other. The people are afterwards entertained, and three guns are fired as a signal for them to take leave.

8.—On the 4th Shawal, the Dâto' Raja, with Paduka Raja and the Waris, and their people, men and women, pay their respects to the Dâto' Bandar. They come in procession, each Dâto' bringing one spear, kris panjang, sword, etc., etc. The insignia of the Dâto' Bandar are sent out to meet them, a salute of five guns is fired, and the people are invited to come into the verandah of the house. The Panglima Besar brings the Dâto' Bandar to sit in State, and the spear and sword bearers stand in order on the right and left. The Dâto' Raja does reverence, raising his hands five times forwards and backwards to the level of his nose. He is followed by the Dâto' Si Ma'raja and the Mentri Penghulu (Ampangan) and by the other chiefs and Waris in order. When all the men have presented themselves the Dâto' Bandar goes within the house and receives the women in like manner. When this ceremony is over, five guns are fired, then food is served, and five more guns fired before the people depart.

9.—Once in three years the Dâto' Bandar goes to the Klana's house accompanied by the Dâto' Raja, and To' Paduka Raja, and To' Si Ma'raja, and the Mentri Penghulu and his people generally. The insignia are brought in procession, two spears, swords, krises, &c. The Klana's insignia go out to meet them, and a salute of five guns is fired. The Laksamana brings the Klana to his seat under the canopy, together with the Dâto' Bandar, the Klana sitting on the right, the Dâto' Bandar on the left. The Dâto' Raja pays his respects first (in the usual manner) to the Dâto' Klana, and then to the Dâto' Bandar; then Dâto' Paduka Raja and the rest in order. After the men, the women perform the same ceremony inside the house. After a salute of five guns, food is served, the Klana and the Dâto' Bandar being served from the same tray (bertudong handong). A final salute of five guns is fired and the people are free to depart.

10.—From 1st to 7th of Shawal, five guns are fired (by the Dâto' Bandar) at five o'clock, morning and evening, when his insignia are taken out and brought back into the house.